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1. Location: On the northeastern edge of CHKALOV (55°10'E/51°41'N) (Chkalov Oblast), east of the railroad line to ORSK, in the eastern corner of the airfield.

2. a. Plant installations: Dimensions of the plant area about 1,000 feet square.

b. Available buildings: Carpentry, a two-story building with a glass roof, 135x265 feet. Lathe department, a two-story building with a glass roof, 135x265 feet. Manufacture of fuselages and assembly department, a two-story building with a glass roof; 135x265 feet. There were also wood magazines, a sawmill, a boiler house, and office buildings. The plant had a spur track branching off from the railroad line to ORSK.

3. Work force: About two thousand, including 45 percent women, in each of the three shifts in 1946.

4. Production:

a. Twin-engine aircraft during the war

b. Three types of powered aircraft in 1946. Two single-seat planes were said to be built per day (one of these types).

c. Gliders were also manufactured in 1946. They were towed by twin-engine aircraft. Only one man was seen in this plane.

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